

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

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[10]9. (Cancelled)

[11]10. (Cancelled)

[12]11. (Cancelled)

[13]12. (Cancelled)

[14]13. (Cancelled)

[15]14. (Cancelled)

[16]15. (Cancelled)

[17]16. (currently amended) A bit insert comprising:

a pair of oppositely facing generally parallel side surfaces, a pair of oppositely inclined top surfaces extending between said side surfaces and a U-shaped depression extending upward from the bottom of said insert.

[18]17. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim 17 wherein the U-shaped depression forms a void that makes said insert approximately between 30%-50% by weight less than an insert of equal dimension without a depression therein.

[19]18. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim 17 wherein said U-shaped depression is smooth and does not include any sharp corners.

[20]19. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim 17 wherein a vertical surface portion of said U-shaped depression provides mechanical resistance to displacement from a bit body.

[21]20. (currently amended) The bit insert according to claim 20 wherein said vertical surface portion is generally between .05-.10 inches in height.

[22]21. (Cancelled)

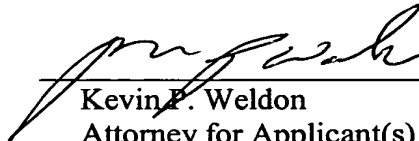
[23]22. (Cancelled)

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